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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated 11/1/2005, please amend the instant application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as shown in the attached marked-up complete list of claims.